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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PUBLICITY FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. UN PRESS SPOKESMAN POWELL STATED TO PRESS SEPT 7 THAT SECURITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF VIETNAM FOR ADMISSION TO THE UN ON SEPT 10; HE WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT UNSC WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING ON THE ITEM IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE SAME DAY.

2. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE SRV CIRCULATED AT THE UN SEPT 7 A MEMORANDUM OUTLINING GOVERNMENT POLICY, SRV'S "GESTURES OF GOODWILL", AND SELECTED REFLECTIONS OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION ON US-VIETNAM POSTWAR RELATIONS. TEXT OF SRV MEMORANDUM AS CIRCULATED TODAY FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SOME FACTS ON U.S.-VIETNAM POSTWAR RELATIONS

VIET NAM

POLICY STATEMENTS:

-PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG : "WE DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MUST STRICTLY RESPECT ARTICLES 1 AND 4 OF THE PARIS

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AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM CONCERNING THE FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL

RIGHTS OF VIET NAM NAMELY INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 21 ON THE U.S. OBLIGATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR CAUSED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE TWO PARTS OF VIET NAM. ON THAT BASIS AND ON THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM WILL NORMALIZE THE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 22 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM AND TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES SETTLE OTHER OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS." (REPORT AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - MAY, 1975).

-FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH : "THE POST-WAR QUESTIONS RELATING THE UNITED STATES AND VIET NAM SUCH AS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN THE TWO PARTS OF VIET NAM, THE FINDING OF INFORMATION OF AMERICANS MISSING IN THE WAR, THE EXHUMATION AND REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF THE AMERICAN DEAD AS WELL AS OTHER REMAINING QUESTIONS MUST BE SETTLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS READY TO DISCUSS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE THOSE QUESTIONS." (REPORT ON FOREIGN POLICY AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - MAY, 1975).

-PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG : "WE ARE READY TO NORMALIZE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. AS FOR THE UNITED STATES, IT MUST REGARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS ENGAGEMENTS (TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND TO THE POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION IN VIET NAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM) AS A QUESTION OF CONSCIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND HONOUR WHICH IT CANNOT ELUDE." (SPEECH AT THE FIFTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN COLOMBO - AUGUST, 1976).

AND GESTURES OF GOODWILL:

-IN 1973 : RETURNING ALL CAPTURED AND DETAINED AMERICANS;

-IN 1974 : PERMITTING A U.S. DELEGATION TO VISIT AND TAKE BACK THE REMAINS OF 23 AMERICAN PILOTS DIED IN FIGHTING IN NORTH VIET NAM;

-DECEMBER 21, 1975 : A DELEGATION OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN HEADED BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY VISITED VIET NAM AND BROUGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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BACK THE REMAINS OF 3 AMERICAN PILOTS CONSIDERED MISSING IN ACTION;

-FEBRUARY 22, 1976 : REPRESENTATIVE OF SENATOR KENNEDY VISITED SAIGON AND TOOK BACK THE REMAINS OF 2 AMERICAN MARINES DIED ON APRIL 29, 1975;

-ALL AMERICANS WHO COULD NOT LEAVE SOUTH VIET NAM BEFORE MAY 1975 WERE ALLOWED TO REPATRIATE;

-THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE IN CHARGE OF FINDING INFORMATION OF

AMERICAN MIA'S CONTINUES ITS WORK;

-SEPTEMBER 6, 1976 : A LIST OF 14 AMERICAN PILOTS
WHO DIED IN FIGHTING WAS HANDED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
PARIS.

THE UNITED STATES
WORDS.....

-PRESIDENT FORD : "...U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE NEW REGIME IN
INDOCHINA WILL BE DETERMINED BY THEIR CONDUCT TOWARD US.
WE ARE PREPARED TO RECIPROCATATE GESTURES OF GOODWILL - PARTI-
CULARLY THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF AMERICANS KILLED OR
MISSING IN ACTION OR INFORMATION ABOUT THEM." (SPEECH ON
PACIFIC POLICY ON DECEMBER 7, 1975).

- SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER : "WE HAVE SAID ON MANY
OCCASIONS THAT FOR US THE INDOCHINA WAR IS OVER. WE ARE
PREPARED TO LOOK TO THE FUTURE; WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS
OUTSTANDING ISSUES; WE STAND READY TO RECIPROCATATE GESTURES
OF GOOD WILL." (SPEECH ON "AMERICA AND ASIA" IN SEATTLE
ON JULY 22, 1976).

AND DEEDS:

-BLOCKING ALL VIETNAMESE ASSETS IN THE UNITED STATES
(DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON APRIL 30, 1975);
-IMPOSING A TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VIET NAM (DECISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON MAY 16, 1975);
-PREVENTING HUMANITARIAN AID OF AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS TO
THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE;
-BLOCKING THE ADMISSION OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

AND OTHER AMERICAN OPINION:

-NEWSWEEK, AUGUST 9, 1976 : "... THE PENTAGON'S LIST OF
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AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION IN LAOS, CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM RAN
TO 795 NAMES (AMERICAN MIA'S TITAKED 6,058 AFTER WORLD WAR II.
BY LAW ALL WERE PRESUMED DEAD A YEAR AND A DAY AFTER THEY
DISAPPEARED. AFTER THE KOREAN WAR 5,127 MIA'S WERE LISTED AS
PRESUMED DEAD). IN VIETNAM, ... MOST WERE MEN LOST IN CRASHES
OVER REMOTE MOUNTAINS, IN RIVERS AND HARBORS OR AT SEA.
OTHERS DISAPPEARED IN DENSE JUNGLES - OR BEHIND ENEMY LINES."

-SENATOR MCGOVERN : "AMERICAN COOPERATION WITH THE VIETNAMESE
GOVERNMENT, MOVING TOWARD NORMAL RELATIONS, IS BY FAR THE
BEST WAY TO RESOLVE SUCH HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AS ACCOUNTING
OF AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION, THE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES,
AND OTHER QUESTIONS - WHICH HAVE REMAINED UNSETTLED FOR
TOO LONG. INDEED, CONTINUING THE HOSTILITY AND TOTALLY REJECTING
THE PARIS AGREEMENT AMOUNT TO AN ABANDONMENT OF ANY SPECIFIC

LEGAL CLAIM WE MAY HAVE ON THE MIA QUESTION. WE HAVE NO REAL CAUSE TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION, TO BLOCK VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS, OR TO EMBARGO TRADE. WE GAIN NOTHING FROM THOSE STEPS. THEY CAN ONLY INSULT AND OFFEND THE GOVERNMENT WHOSE COOPERATION WE MUST HAVE IF WE ARE TO END THE ANXIETY OF SO MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES". (REPORT ON THE TRIP TO VIETNAM IN JANUARY 1976).

-SENATOR MANSFIELD : "VIETNAM, CONTRARY TO MANY PREDICTIONS, IS DEMONSTRATING A DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. IT HAS NOW APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS. I HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT AGAIN VETO ITS APPLICATION. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS OF INDO-CHINA SHOULD BE SHAPED TO FIT REALITY". (CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - AUGUST 26, 1976). UNQUOTE
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